

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. *(Currently Amended)* A structural element for the realization of three-dimensional constructions, ~~characterised in that it consists of~~ said element comprising a generally planar tripod-shaped body ~~(1, 2; 15)~~, with three equidistant arms ~~(1a, 2a; 15a)~~ whose free ends ~~(1e, 2e; 15e)~~ are adapted to be deviated angularly at a same side relative to the general plane of the tripod body ~~(1, 2; 15)~~ ~~to achieve there union connect~~ with the free ends of the arms of similar tripod bodies in such a way as to form an approximately spherical grid structure ~~(5)~~.

2. *(Currently Amended)* Structural element as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ said approximately spherical grid structure ~~(5)~~ is generated by the union of eight of said structural elements ~~(1, 2; 15)~~.

3. *(Currently Amended)* Structural element as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, ~~characterised in that for said angular deviation wherein~~ said free ends ~~(1e, 2e; 15e)~~ of the arms ~~(1a, 1b; 15a)~~ are elastically deformable for said angular deviation.

4. *(Currently Amended)* Structural element as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claims 2~~, ~~characterised in that for said angular deviation wherein~~ said free ends ~~(1e, 2e)~~ are articulated in hinge fashion ~~(1d, 2d)~~ to said arms ~~(1a, 2a)~~ for said angular deviation.

5. *(Currently Amended)* Structural element as claimed in claim 3 ~~or claim 4~~, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ each of said free ends ~~(1e, 2e)~~ is connected to the respective arm ~~(1a, 2a)~~ through a narrowed section ~~(1d, 2d)~~.

6. *(Currently Amended)* Structural element as claimed in claim 5, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ said narrowed section consists of a flexible hinge ~~(1d, 2d)~~.

7. *(Currently Amended)* Structural element as claimed in ~~any of the previous claims, characterised in that claim 1 wherein~~ said free ends ~~(1e, 2e)~~ of said three arms ~~(1a, 2a)~~ of the tripod body have formation for mutual rapid coupling ~~(3, 4)~~ with the free ends of the arms of similar tripod bodies.

8. *(Currently Amended)* Structural element as claimed in claim 7, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ said mutual coupling formations ~~(3, 4)~~ are of the set-in type.

9. *(Currently Amended)* Structural element as claimed in claim 7, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ said mutual coupling formations ~~(3, 4)~~ are of the snap-in type.

10. *(Currently Amended)* Structural element as claimed in claim 8 ~~or claim 9, characterised in that wherein~~ said mutual coupling formations include male and female engagement members ~~(3, 4)~~.

11. *(Currently Amended)* Structural element as claimed in claim 10, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ said male engagement members include a pair of contiguous hook-like projections ~~(3)~~ and said female engagement members include an opening ~~(4)~~ which can be engaged by said hook-like projections ~~(3)~~.

12. *(Currently Amended)* Structural element as claimed in ~~one or more of the previous claims, characterised in that claim 1 wherein~~ said tripod-shaped body has a slightly convex configuration.

13. *(Currently Amended)* Structural element as claimed in ~~one or more of the previous claims, characterised in that it claim 1 wherein~~ said element is made of a moulded thermoplastic or thermosetting material, or of an elastomeric material, or of a high strength composite material, or of a metallic material.

14. **(Currently Amended)** Grid structure ~~(5) characterised in that it comprises~~ comprising eight tripod structural elements (1, 2) as claimed in one or more of the previous ~~claims~~claim 1, the free ends ~~(1e, 2e)~~ of whose arms ~~(1a, 2a)~~ are deviated angularly and are mutually joined in such a way as to define a body of approximately spherical shape with twelve nodal points defined by the union of said free ends ~~(1e, 2e)~~.

15. **(Currently Amended)** Grid structure as claimed in claim 13, ~~characterised in that~~ ~~it further comprises~~ comprising mutual junction elements ~~(9)~~ for the union of said grid structure ~~(5)~~ with identical grid structures ~~(5)~~ to obtain complex three-dimensional constructions.

16. **(Currently Amended)** A three-dimensional construction game comprising a plurality of structural elements ~~as claimed in one or more of the claims 1 through 12,~~ for the construction of a grid structure ~~structures as claimed in claim 13 or claim 14,~~ comprising eight tripod structural elements as claimed in claim 1, the free ends of whose arms are deviated angularly and are mutually joined in such a way as to define a body of approximately spherical shape with twelve nodal points defined by the union of said free ends.